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THE VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE...

LOOK,
EVERYBODY!
LOOK!

WHAT IS IT,
AMY ROSE?

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NEVER MIND,
CHILD-- I SEE IT FOR
MYSELF, BUT I CAN
SCARCELY BELIEVE
IT!

EMERGING FROM
THE GREAT OAK
SLIDE-- IT'S BUNNIE
RABBOT, YOUNG MILES
PROWER AND ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE!

YES, FATHER,
THEY'VE RETURNED
SAFELY! THEY
SOMEHOW ESCAPED
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S
SPACE PLAT-
FORM!*

BUT LOOK,
PRINCE ELIAS
-- THEY'VE ALSO
BROUGHT SONIC'S
PARENTS-- AND WHO'S
THAT WITH THEM?

YEEE-HA!

* They were held prisoner
there in SONIC # 75.--JFG.

REBEL WITHOUT A PAUSE

Chapter One

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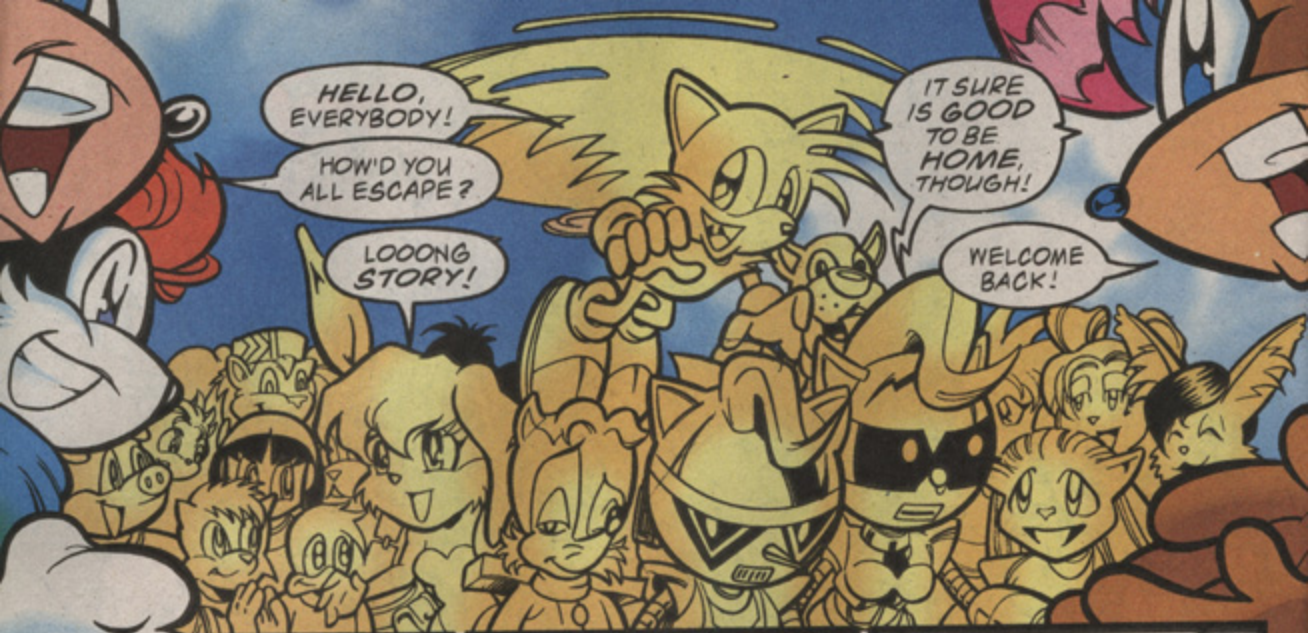
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THIS IS JERAMIAH, HE
IS THE GRANDSON OF THE
GREAT STORYTELLER, KIRBY!

EEP!



HELLO,
EVERYBODY!

HOW'D YOU
ALL ESCAPE?

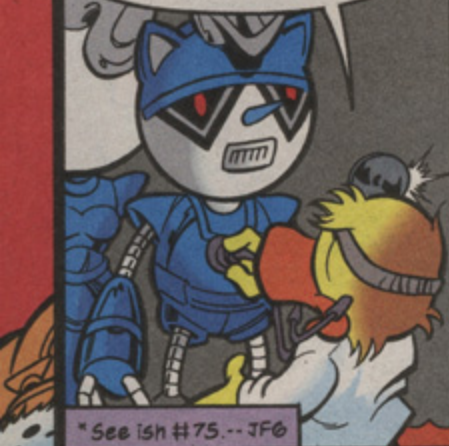
LOONG
STORY!

IT SURE
IS GOOD
TO BE
HOME,
THOUGH!

WELCOME
BACK!

JULES... BERNIE...
ROBOTNIK BRAGGED OF
HOW HE'D REGAINED CONTROL
OVER ALL ROBOT-
ICIZED MOBIANS...

...BUT THE TWO OF
YOU SOMEHOW SEEM TO
BE STILL IN POSSESSION
OF YOUR FREE WILL!
HOW COULD THAT BE?

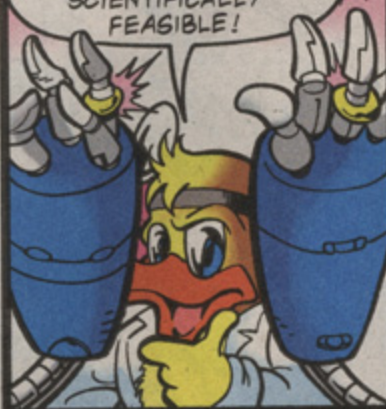


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IT'S SOMEHOW
CONNECTED TO OUR
ANNIVERSARY PRESENT,
DOCTOR QUACK...

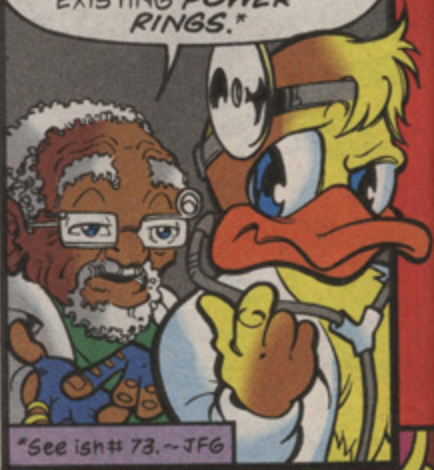
THESE
WEDDING BANDS
THAT SONIC GAVE
US!

I DON'T BELIEVE
THAT--IT'S JUST NOT
SCIENTIFICALLY
FEASIBLE!



SCIENCE DOESN'T
MATTER WHERE THE POWER
OF THE SUPER-EMERALD
IS CONCERNED, FRIEND. IT
WAS THAT SAME POWER...

...THAT ENABLED SIR
CHARLES HEDGEHOG
AND I TO FASHION THOSE
WEDDING BANDS FROM PRE-
EXISTING POWER
RINGS.*



*See ish #73...JFG

WHAT ABOUT THE
PRINCESS? WHERE'S
SALLY--AND
SONIC?

WELL,
SIRE...

...ZEY...

...er...

KINDA
HAD...

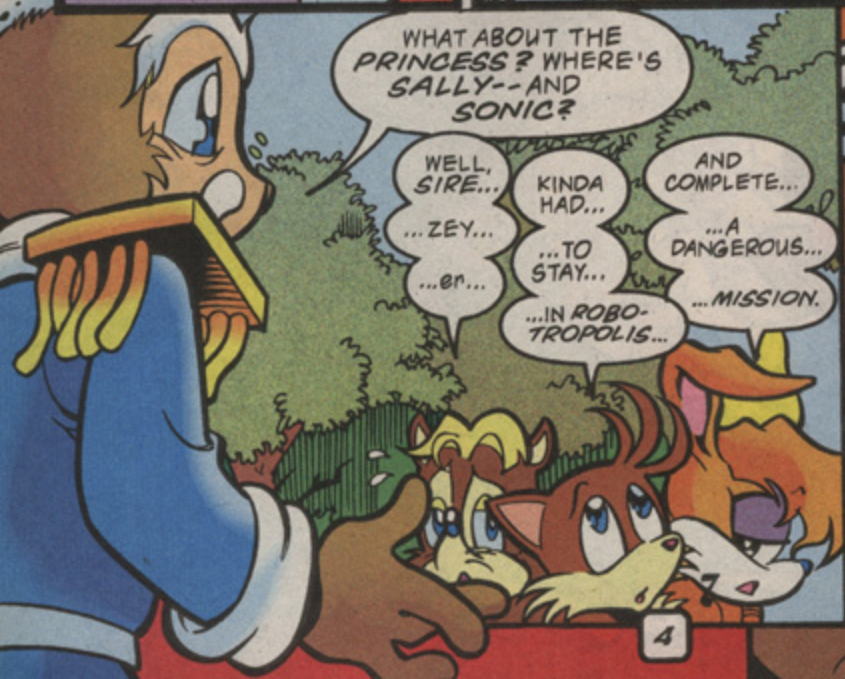
...TO
STAY...

...IN ROBO-
TROPOLIS...

AND
COMPLETE...

...A
DANGEROUS...

...MISSION.



Oh, REALLY?
ANOTHER DANGEROUS
MISSION WITHOUT MY
SAY-SO? PLEASE TELL
ME, I'D LOVE TO HEAR
ALL ABOUT IT...



MEANWHILE, IN THE SANDY EXPANSE OF DESERT THAT LIES BETWEEN ROBOTROPOLIS, A CITY RULED BY DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...

...AND THE GREAT FOREST, AN ENVIRONMENTAL PARADISE THAT MARKS THE WAY TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

ARE YOU SURE, SAL?

I HOPE SO, SONIC! THE VIRUS THAT SNIVELY AND I PLANTED IN ROBOTNIK'S MASTER COMPUTER...

...SHOULD PREVENT HIM FROM EVER LEARNING OF KNOTHOLE'S HIDDEN LOCATION!

IF NOT, NOTHING WILL EVER STOP THAT FIEND AND HIS SHADOW-BOTS...

...FROM FINDING US OR THE OTHER MOBIANS WE RESCUED!...

* See last ish.
** Ditto.--JFG

WELL, THEN, THEY CAN GIVE IT THEIR BEST SHOT! I'LL BE RIGHT THERE WAITING TO--

Princess Sally--

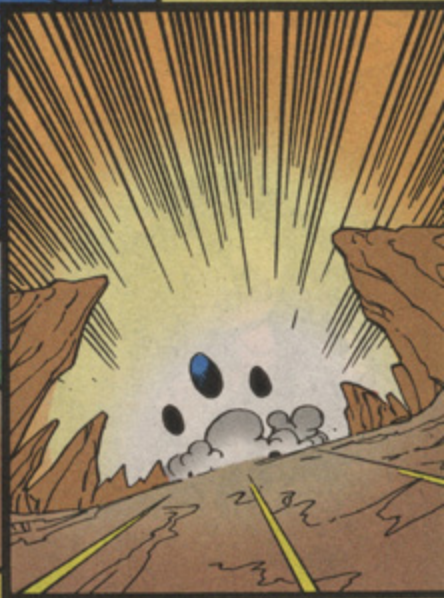
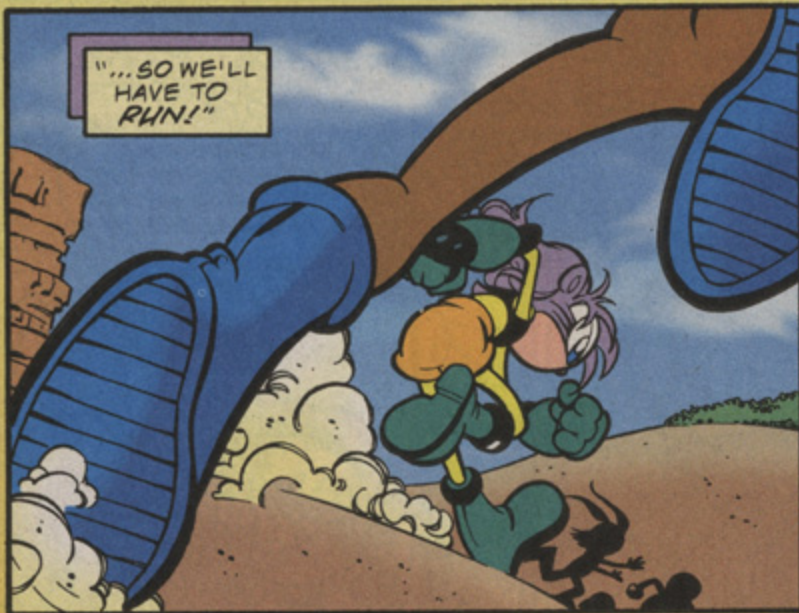
YES, NICOLE?

--my built-in sensors detect three Shadow-Bot-bearing vessels approaching from the west.



WHAT?!

QUICKLY, EVERYONE--
I CAN SEE THE GREAT FOREST
IN THE DISTANCE! WE DON'T
HAVE THE TIME TO WALK
THERE...



JUST WHAT
DO YOU THINK
YOU'RE DOING?!

WHAT I WAS
BORN TO--I'M
GONNA GO KICK
SOME SERIOUS
"BOT!"

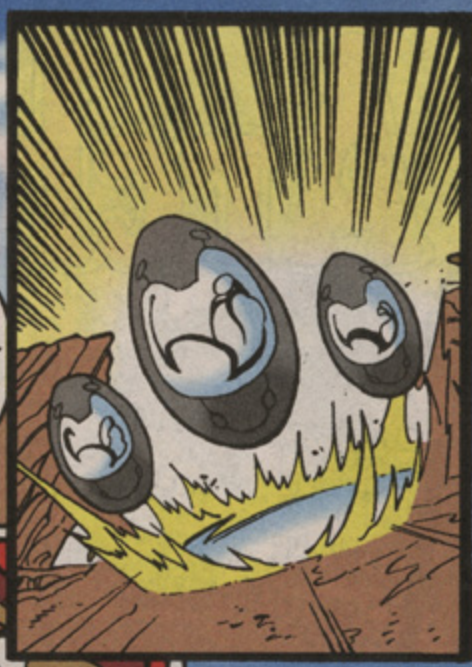




HEY...LEGGO,SAL! I WAS STRIKING A REALLY DRAMATIC POSE THERE!

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO INTIMIDATE ROBOTNIK'S GOON-PLATOON WITH YOU CRAMPIN' MY STYLE THIS WAY?

THE ANSWER IS-- YOU'RE NOT GOING TO!

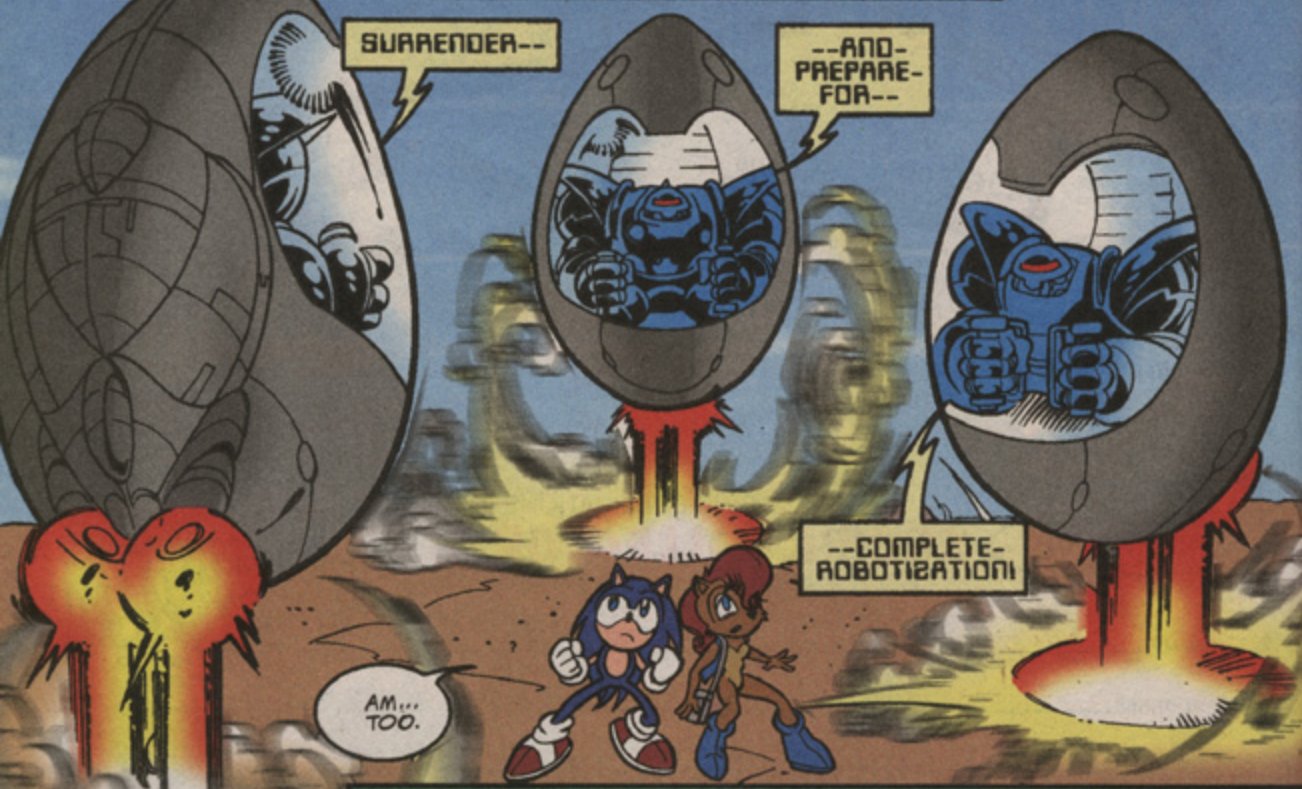


AM TOO!

ARE NOT!

AM TOO!

ARE NOT!



SURRENDER--

--AND PREPARE FOR--

--COMPLETE-ROBOTIZATION!

AM... TOO.



LOOK! IT'S
DULCY THE
DRAGON...

...AND SHE,
LIKE, COMPLETELY
TOTALED TWO OF
THOSE SHADOW-
BOTS!

WHAT ARE
FRIENDS FOR,
SONIC?

SURRENDER--
AND--

BWAHAHAHA

FWZIP

I'M SURE THAT'S ONE
BOT THAT'LL THINK TWICE
ABOUT TAILING US AGAIN!

WAY TO GO,
DULCE!

THANKS! I'M
GLAD TO SEE THAT
YOU'RE BOTH BACK
FROM ORBIT--NEED
A LIFT?

INTERLUDE ONE.

JUST BEYOND THE
RIM OF THE GALAXY,
THERE IS A BURST OF
BLINDING ENERGY...

...AND TWIN VESSELS
EMERGE FROM THE
MYSTERIOUS FOLDS OF
HYPER-SPACE.

WHENCE DID THESE
SPACECRAFTS JOURNEY?

WHAT COURSE HAS
BEEN PLOTTED ACROSS
THIS VAST STAR SYSTEM?

AND MORE
IMPORTANTLY...
WHY?

REBEL WITHOUT A PAUSE

Chapter Two

DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S HEADQUARTERS IN ROBOTROPOLIS...

MISSION-OBJECTIVE: DESTROY-SONIC-HAS-BEEN-DISRUPTED-BY-PRESENCE-OF-WINGED-REPTILE--SPECIES-DESIGNATE: DRAGON.

A DRAGON?!

HELP ME OUT OF MY CYBER-BUNK AT ONCE, YOU TWITS! NO SOONER DO I RECOVER FROM MY SUDDEN ILLNESS...

* The Doc caught a "bug" last ish.--JFG



...AND YOU
BRING ME SUCH
DREADFUL
TIDINGS!

I BECAME **SICK** BEFORE
MY PREVIOUS ATTEMPT TO **DOWN-
LOAD** A MEANS OF FINDING THE
HEDGEHOG'S HOME IN KNOT-
HOLE VILLAGE...

...BUT NOW THAT I'M
HALE AND HEARTY ONCE MORE
...A QUICK INTERFACE WITH
MY MASTER COMPUTER AND--



Achoo!

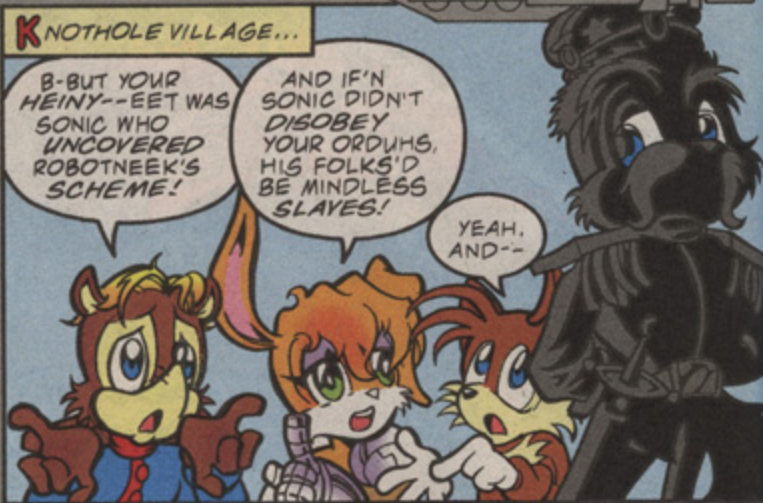
OH NO...
NOT AGAIN...

KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

B-BUT YOUR
HEINY--EET WAS
SONIC WHO
UNCOVERED
ROBOTNEEK'S
SCHEME!

AND IF N
SONIC DIDN'T
DISOBEY
YOUR ORDURS,
HIS FOLKS'D
BE MINDLESS
SLAVES!

YEAH.
AND--



ENOUGH!

I'VE
HEARD ALL
THAT I NEED
TO REGARDING
SONIC, THANK
YOU...

THE SKY ABOVE
THE GREAT FOREST...

HOLD ON
TIGHT, EVERY-
ONE--I'M ABOUT
TO TOUCH
DOWN!

I'VE ALWAYS HAD A
ROUGH TIME WITH MY
LANDINGS, BUT I'VE GOT
TO TRY AND MAKE THIS
ONE...

WAY TO
GO, DULCE!
I--

QUIET, SONIC--SHE'S
NOT FINISHED YET, SO DON'T
BREAK HER CON-
CENTRATION!

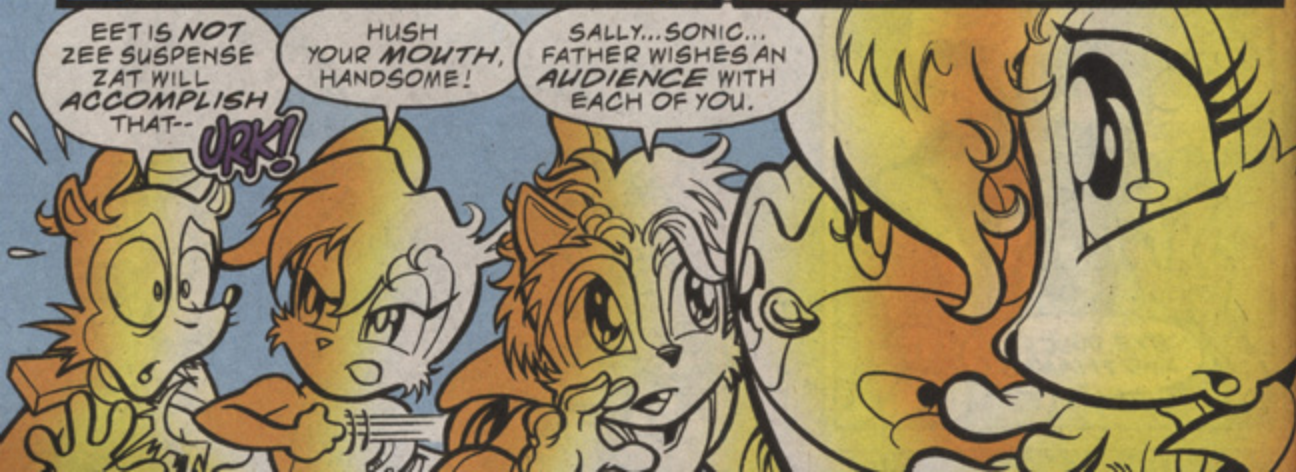
...PERFECT!

HERE YOU
ARE...

...AND
HERE I
GO!

BYE, DULCE...
AND THANKS!

ALL RIGHT,
EVERYBODY... THE
GREAT OAK SLIDE
AWAITS, AND SO
DOES...





THE CO-STARS TAKE THE LEAD!



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ARE YOU **SHURE** YOU'RE FEELING **OKAY**, PRINCESS? YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH QUITE A **BIT** THESE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!

I'M FINE, DOCTOR QUACK...

AWW **SHUCKS**... SAL'S FINISHED TALKIN' TO HER DAD. I KNOW THAT KING MAX TOLD ME NOT TO MESS AROUND WITH ROBOTNIK'S SATELLITES...

...BUT I WAS **ONLY** TRYING TO HELP!

Uhh...HI, YOUR...Umm... HIGHNESS. I...WELL... LIKE...

NOT ANOTHER WORD UNTIL I'VE HAD MY SAY.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG ...SINCE YOU RETURNED TO THE KINGDOM OF ACORN, YOU HAVEN'T LISTENED TO MY ORDERS AT ALL.

WHEN I STRICTLY **FORBODE** YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE MISSION TO SAVE NATE MORGAN'S LIFE, YOU **IGNORED** ME.*

WHEN I GAVE YOU A SPECIFIC ORDER NOT TO INVESTIGATE THOSE SATELLITES YOU PUBLICLY **REFUSED**.**

SOMEHOW YOU MANAGED TO **DISOBEY** ME ON BOTH OCCASIONS AND...

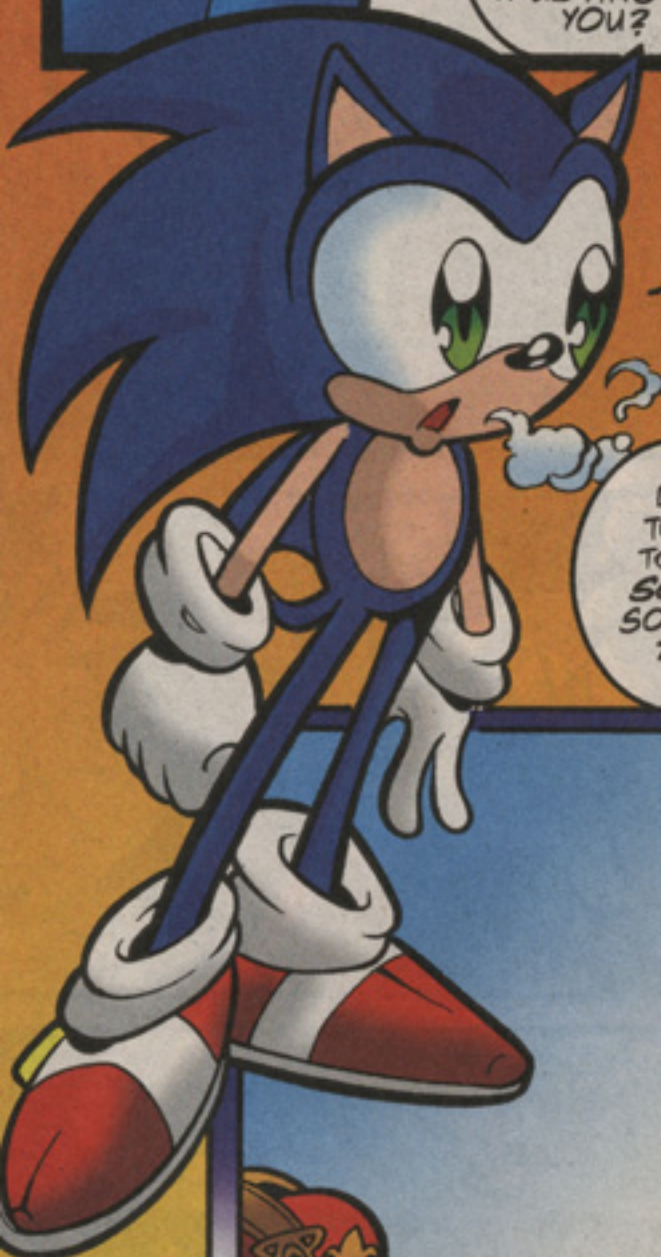
*In ish #70
** Ish#74--JFG



...I'M NOT QUITE SURE
HOW TO THANK YOU FOR IT!
I ADMIRE SOMEONE WHO STANDS
UP FOR WHAT THEY BELIEVE
IN, LAD-- IT TAKES A LOT OF
COURAGE.

PERHAPS I
WAS TOO HASTY
IN MY JUDGMENT
OF YOUR ACTIONS.
YOUR STYLE IS
RECKLESS BUT IT
HAS ITS MERITS,
I SUPPOSE...

CAN YOU
ACCEPT MY
ROYAL
APOLOGY
FOR NOT
TRUSTING IN
YOU?



DON'T SWEAT
IT, SIRE... BUT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND. IF
YOU REALLY WEREN'T
MAD AT ME, WHY'D
YOU MAKE EVERYBODY
THINK YOU WERE?

IT WOULDN'T
DO FOR A GENERAL
TO PUBLICLY APOLOGIZE
TO A DISOBEDIENT
SOLDIER, EVEN IF THAT
SOLDIER WAS INSTRUMENTAL
IN WINNING THE
WAR.

I CAN TOTALLY
RELATE TO THAT, SIR--
IT'S AN 'EGO' THING!

PRETTY
MUCH...

Y'KNOW... I
THINK THIS
COULD BE THE
START OF A
BEAUTIFUL
FRIEND-
SHIP!



OTHERWISE,
HOW WOULD THE
GENERAL THEN
APPEAR TO ALL THE
OTHER SOLDIERS
IN HIS
COMMAND?



THE
END

A NOTHER DAY DRAWS TO A CLOSE IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE WHERE WE FIND A GATHERING AROUND A CAMPFIRE...

--THOSE BOOKS ARE PART OF OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE AND HOPEFULLY WE'LL BE ABLE TO RETRIEVE THEM VERY SOON!

YOU KIDS ARE EXPOSED TO ENOUGH OF THE BAD PARTS OF LIFE AS IT IS--

--THAT WE SHOULD WORK TO PRESERVE THE GOOD!



SOUNDS LIKE AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION! MIND IF I JOIN IN?

AT THE RISK OF SOUNDING LIKE A DUNCE--

-- JUST WHAT IS IT EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT?

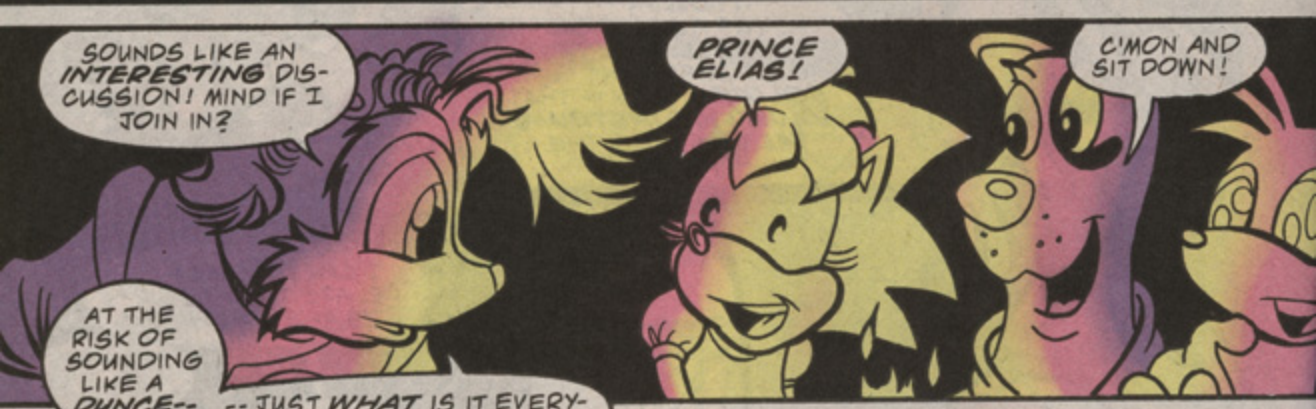
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE BOOKS WE LEFT BACK AT THE LIBRARY!*

ESPECIALLY THE ONES JERAMIAH'S GRANDFATHER, KIRBY, WROTE ABOUT OUR HISTORY!

*see lost issue.- Justin

PRINCE ELIAS!

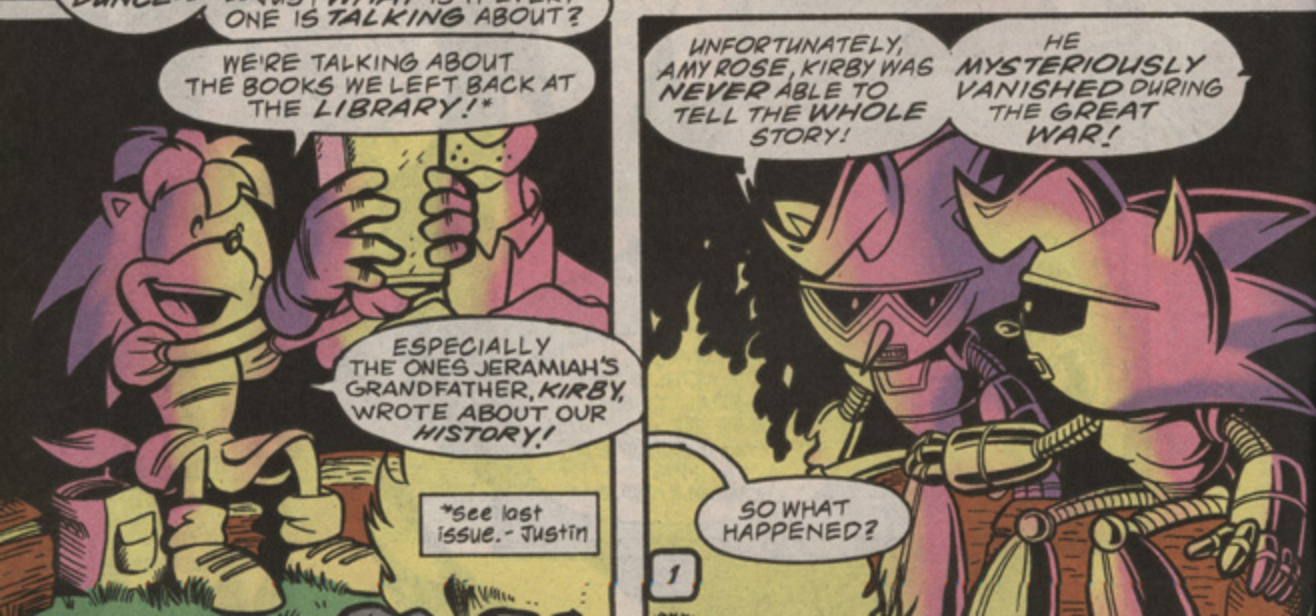
C'MON AND SIT DOWN!



UNFORTUNATELY, AMY ROSE, KIRBY WAS NEVER ABLE TO TELL THE WHOLE STORY!

HE MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED DURING THE GREAT WAR!

SO WHAT HAPPENED?



YOU TELL
IT, BERNIE! YOU
LIVED THROUGH
MORE OF IT
THAN I DID!

"LIVED?"

NOT EVERYTHING
IS RECORDED FOR
HISTORY'S PROSPERITY,
ELIAS!

"WE WERE ON A
MISSION TO DIS-
COVER WHAT HAD
BECOME OF KIRBY!
YOUR FATHER, KING
ACORN, WAS AFRAID
THE ENEMY HAD
GOTTEN TO HIM!

UNGH!

"FOLLOWING A LEAD
THAT KIRBY HAD BEEN
TAKEN TO THEIR CITY,
WE ENCOUNTERED AN
OVERLANDER AND
GAVE CHASE!

"IN OUR HASTE
TO LEARN WHAT
THE OVERLANDER
KNEW, WE GOT
CARELESS...

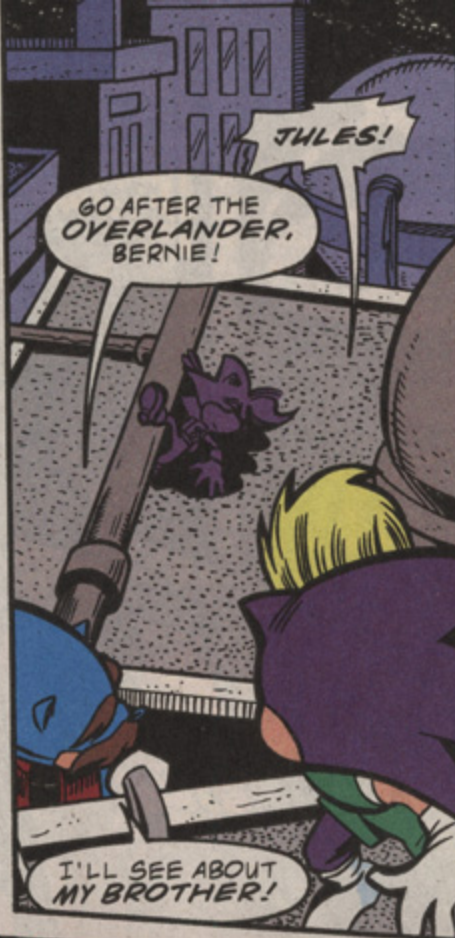
TALES OF THE GREAT WAR

Part 5

FOR BETTER OR WORSE...

JULES!

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"-- BUT UPON HEARING A SOUND FROM THE ROOFTOP ABOVE, MY ANGER GOT THE BETTER OF ME!"

PREPARE TO DIE, HEDGEHOG!

Oh, YEAH, GRUESOME?

I'LL SEE ABOUT MY BROTHER!

"I NEARLY LOST IT THEN AND THERE FIGHTING MY INSTINCTS TO GO COMFORT MY HUSBAND--"

ZZZZZZ!

HAVE A TASTE OF YOUR OWN MEDICINE!

"EVEN THOUGH I HAD LOST OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS DURING THE WAR, NOTHING SEEMED AS PERSONAL AS EVERYTHING DID AT THAT MOMENT.

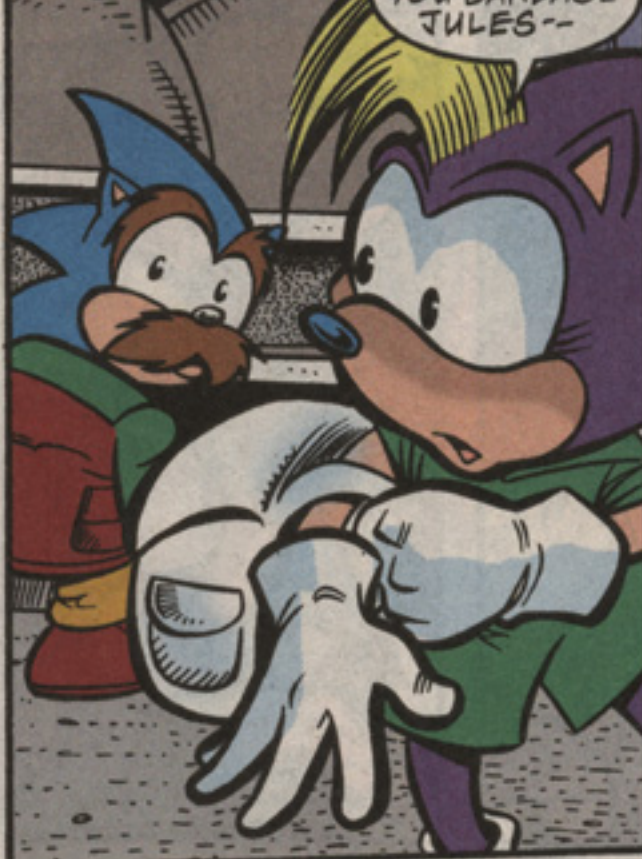
"MY RAGE LASTED ONLY A MOMENT AS MY PRIMARY CONCERN FOCUSED BACK UPON MY HUSBAND...



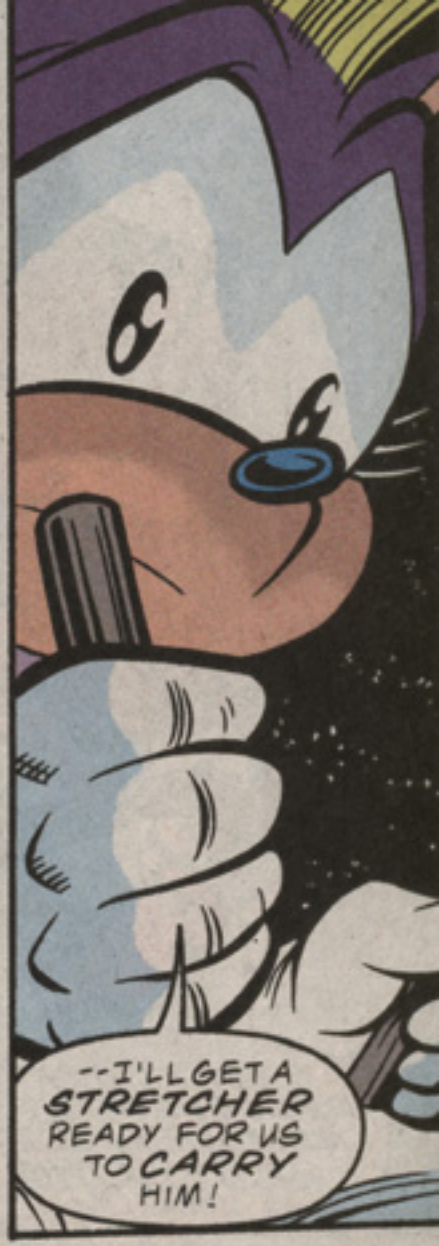
HE'S STILL BREATHING BUT WE NEED SOMETHING TO STOP THE BLEEDING!

I HAVE A MEDI-KIT IN MY BACK-PACK!

WHILE YOU BANDAGE JULES--



--I'LL GET A STRETCHER READY FOR US TO CARRY HIM!



I'VE GOT JULES STABILIZED, BERNIE, BUT HE'S GOING TO NEED A LOT MORE THAN WHAT I CAN DO!



I'M JUST ABOUT SET, CHARLES!

THERE! LET'S GET JULES ON AND AWAY FROM HERE!



"WE WERE ABLE TO EVADE THE OVERLANDER PATROLS AS WE MADE OUR WAY OUT OF THE CITY TO THE BADLANDS BEYOND...

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, CHARLES! I'M DOING FINE!

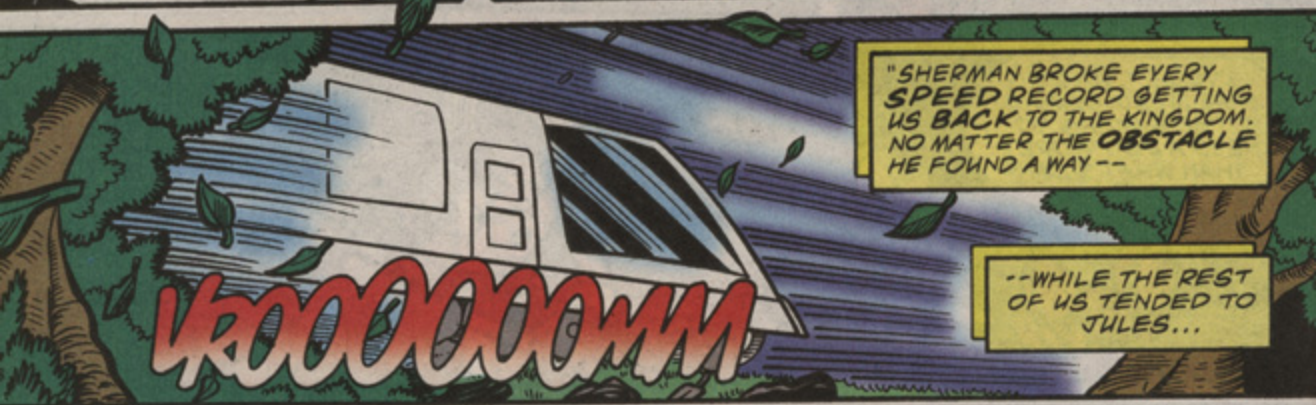
HOW ARE YOU HOLDING UP, BERNIE?

GOOD--



--CAUSE THERE'S A SIGHT FOR SORE EYES!





"JULES WAS IN THE OPERATING ROOM OF THE MOBOTROPOLIS GENERAL HOSPITAL..."

SEW HIM UP, NURSE.

I'VE DONE ALL THAT CAN BE DONE!

"WE SAT AND WAITED FOR OVER SEVEN LONG, TENSE HOURS--"

"--THAT WHEN THE DOCTOR STEPPED OUT FROM BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WE HELD OUR BREATH, HOPING FOR ANY SIGN OF REASSURANCE--"

-- ONLY TO FIND NONE WAS FORTHCOMING...

-- I'M REALLY SORRY, BERNIE--

-- BUT I'M AFRAID THERE'S LITTLE HOPE!

"FIGURING JULES HAD NOTHING LEFT TO LOSE, CHARLES STEPPED FORWARD WITH A DESPERATE PLEA..."

IF THERE'S ABSOLUTELY, POSITIVELY **NOTHING** ELSE YOU CAN DO FOR MY BROTHER--
--WOULD YOU CONSIDER AN ALTERNATIVE?

"AS CHARLES EXPLAINED
WHAT HE HAD IN MIND TO
THE DOCTOR, ELSEWHERE
IN THE KINGDOM, THINGS
WEREN'T GOING ANY BETTER.."

THEY
KEEP POURING
IT ON--

--AND
WE FALL
BACK!

WE HAVE
TO MAKE
A STAND--SOME-
THING THAT
SAYS THIS
FAR AND NO
FURTHER!

BUT, SIRE, THE
OVERLANDERS
ARE QUITE THE
IRRATIONAL
SORT!

A LINE **MUST**
BE DRAWN **HERE!**

WHO'S TO SAY
HOW THEY'LL REACT
TO ANY ACTION WE
TAKE?

AMADEUS
DOES HAVE A
POINT!

YOU SHOULD
KNOW WHAT THEY
WOULD DO!

AFTER ALL
THEY'RE **YOUR**
PEOPLE--

--JULIAN!

I DO KNOW MY
PEOPLE **WELL**, KING
ACORN, AND I **KNOW**
FOR A FACT--

--THAT THE
OVERLANDERS
WON'T REST UNTIL
MOBOTROPOLIS AND
ITS CITIZENS ARE
NOTHING MORE THAN
A **MEMORY!**

IT SEEMED
EVERYTHING WAS
ABOUT TO GO
FROM **BAD** TO
WORSE!

BE HERE NEXT
MONTH AS CHARLES
UNVEILS HIS
GREATEST SECRET
AND FIND OUT **WHAT**
REALLY HAPPENED.

SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL

by Gallagher, Manak & Amash

THIS JUST IN!

The upcoming *SONIC ADVENTURE*' storyline on sale late November through late January 2000 is a story so huge that it's taking four issues of *SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*, two issues of *KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA* and one 40-page *SONIC SUPER SPECIAL* to tell it all. That, my friends, is the official game adaptation to '*SONIC ADVENTURE*!' This game can only be played on one new system: SEGA's DREAMCAST -- "the ultimate gaming machine" -- debuting on 9/9/99!

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Re: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #73

Dear Sonic,

I just read issue #73. I loved it! I can't believe old Ro-dork-nick survived the UA blast! Question time: 1) How did Robotnik survive? 2) Will we ever get to see Super Sonic, Hyper Knuckles, and Turbo Tails together again? 3) Will Mammoth Mogul ever come back? I'd love to see him and Ixis Naugus team up. That's all for now.

Jason Golles (age 12)
Livonia, MI

Jason's got questions -- we've got answers... 1) He didn't. As you know by now, it's not the Robotnik from this zone but a Robotnik from another zone (who calls himself Robo-Robotnik) who has taken over. 2) Only Super Sonic is scheduled to make an appearance soon. 3) You never know what the future holds.

Dear Sonic,

I think that your comics are awesome! I have a few questions: 1) What issues can I find KnucklesQuest? 2) Will there ever be an Amy Rose or Antoine mini-series? 3) I know that Robotnik's back, so what are you going to do about

it? 4) Will we ever see Turbo Tails again? Catch ya on the flip side!

Becky Shephard
Coldwater, MI

1) Well, Becky, the issues are as follows: SONIC #42, SONIC LIVE #1, SONIC #45, SONIC #46. 2) No plans on either of those two to have their own mini-series. 3 & 4) You'll just have to keep reading to find out.

Dear Sonic Grams,

Sonic #73 was great, but I have some questions: 1) Now that Rotor is gone will we see him make an appearance soon? 2) Where has Robotnik been hiding since Sonic #50? 3) How did Snively escape the giant squid?

Craig Winton
Vernon, VT

1) Rotor will come back. 2) No one knows since THAT Robotnik never made it back. 3) Snively was teleported up to the satellites by Robo-Robotnik.

Dear Sonic Grams,

I just finished reading Sonic

#73 and it was awesome! Before, I didn't know what was going on in orbit but now I do. Now for some questions: 1) Where did Uncle Chuck and Muttski go? 2) In the back-up story, what happened to the boy with the white backpack? Well that's all for now. Keep up the good work.

Mark Ziemer (age 10)
Roswell, GA.

1) Uncle Chuck and Muttski are both now under Robotnik's control so they are in Robotropolis. 2) In the back-up story, the boy with the white backpack was turned into a casualty of war by the evil Warlord Kodos.

We appreciate your comments on SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #73. Come back next month as we review SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #74.

Well, that's it for this month. Thank you all for your comments. See you in thirty. And remember...

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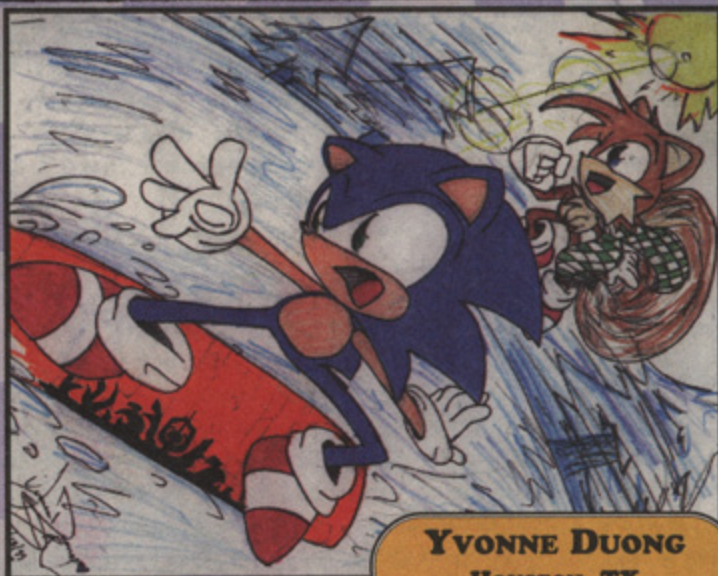
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